

RECOGNIZING THE LION'S CLUB
OF DILLSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Lion's Club of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, on its 90th Anniversary.

The Lions Club of Dillsburg was chartered by Lions Clubs International on November 7, 1931, with 21 charter members. Originally sponsored by the York Lions Club, the Dillsburg Lions later sponsored more Lions Clubs in Boiling Springs, Mt. Holly Springs, Carlisle, and York Springs. Due to the Depression, membership did not grow until about 1942, and continued to a high of 129 members in the 1980s.

The mission of all Lions Clubs is to serve, and the Dillsburg Lions have consistently served the Dillsburg and Northern York communities throughout its 90 years of service. The service often took different paths—for example, when one early success was ridding Dillsburg Borough of its rat problems. In the early 1950s, the Lions were a driving force in the design of the firehouse and provided \$3,000 to construct the Firehouse and the Community Hall, still on South Baltimore Street.

Today, membership of the Dillsburg Lions Club sits at 34 men and women who, throughout the years, have supported the District, State and International Lions projects and activities. Notably, the Dillsburg Lions have provided four zone chairpersons who oversaw 4 to 5 clubs in the area, as well as two District Governors serving all Lions Clubs in Adams, Cumberland, and York Counties.

A worldwide mission of the Lions is support of visually challenged people, as well as support of eyesight preservation. In this area, the Dillsburg Lions have assisted and spearheaded many local ventures to assist this cause, both locally and abroad. The Club pays for eye exams and eyeglasses for adults and children in need, performs vision screening in local elementary schools, donates hundreds of used eyeglasses for reuse, and donates to and works alongside organizations like Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Beacon Lodge, a special needs camp that assists the blind and visually impaired.

Not only does the Lions support efforts to assist the visually challenged, but they also donate time and money towards projects and groups to benefit Dillsburg as a whole. Over the years, the Club constructed a cabin for Dillsburg Boy Scouts Troop 38, in addition to the public pavilion in Logan Park.

The Lions also have funded, constructed, and still maintain the post messages on the square in Dillsburg. Through fundraising, they have returned between \$10,000 to \$30,000 to the community annually for the past 20 years, and used these funds to help strengthen the Dillsburg Public Library, Dillsburg Youth and High School Sports, Dillsburg Girl Scout Troops, Northern High School scholarships, New Hope Ministries, Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society, Dillsburg Community Fair Organization, York County Blind Association, Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup, Lions Hearing Research, and the

Lions Clubs International Foundation. Through these ventures and their 90 years of service, the Lions Club of Dillsburg is an integral force good in our community at large and we are grateful for all that they do.

I am honored and privileged to recognize the Lion's Club of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, for their work to strengthen our community over the past 90 years. Their contributions are tangible legacies, as their works have made life better for the citizens of Dillsburg and the surrounding communities. We owe a lasting debt of gratitude for their selfless, tireless, and dedicated service.

JEWISH PRAYERS ON CAPITOL
HILL

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement from Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach, and the representative of the Jewish Community at the City of Chesapeake's civic occasions.

JEWISH PRAYERS ON CAPITAL HILL

(By Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman)

Howard Mortman, the author of an invaluable and unique publication entitled, "When Rabbis Bless Congress—The Great American Story of Jewish Prayers on Capitol Hill" is C-SPAN's communications director covering the U.S. Congress, and a graduate of the University of Maryland. His family belongs to Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Virginia. In his publication, Mortman concludes in a tongue in cheek style. "So, want to hear rabbis cite Moses and Scripture and Torah and Talmud and Mishnah to legislators and the public? Don't turn to Jerusalem—the Knesset does not open with prayer (although, arguably, who in the Knesset isn't a rabbi?). Instead tune into Washington, where Israel's chief rabbis can and have served as guest chaplains in Congress, just like hundreds of others."

While both the House and the Senate of the U.S. Congress have full-time clergy chaplains, there is a long-standing tradition of guest chaplains for a day which amounts to offering a brief prayer at the opening session of each chamber. Instructions are provided by both chaplains' offices for the Invocation's length, and content is submitted ahead of time. C-Span provides live coverage, and the prayer is printed in the Congressional Record—which began operating in 1873—on the day of delivery. The guest chaplain is ordinarily recommended by the clergyperson's Representative and Senator, and it is truly a memorable experience to be invited for such an honor. A certificate and photo op are included.

I have had the privilege to offer the Invocation, so far twice in each chamber, vividly recalling the accompanied solemnity with the opportunity to engage with present members of the august bodies. Most members are usually not present in person, instead watching from the screens in their offices the offered prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the session's agenda, unless there is a vote to take place on the floor. I watched from home on TV the deadly attack on Congress on January 6, 2021, with the defiled desecration of both chambers and the rest of that magnificent

and historic citadel of democracy known the world over. To witness it, though from a distance, was painfully shocking and beyond unfathomable, with alarming ramifications for American democracy and the Jewish community.

As the book's title reflects, there is much expressed pride in Jewish clergy representing a minority participating as co-equal with other religious figures in a tradition some regard as violation of constitutional church and state separation, though upheld by the Supreme Court in 1983. The book's impressive treasure trove collection of myriad fascinating and intriguing items with sprinkled humor is grouped into two parts, including nine sections. Part One: Who They Are is made up of Section I: Setting the Scene: A Congress at Pray. Section II: Who Are These Rabbis? Section III: Media Portrayal. Part Two: What They Say. Section IV: Religious Awareness. Section V: Policy and Politics. Section VI: War, Evil, Terror. Section VII: Congress Institutions. Section VIII: America the Exceptional! Section IX: Diversity: Including the Christians. Given the close proximity of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, the oldest synagogue in the capital since 1852 and chartered in 1856 by a Congressional act, it holds the record of guest chaplains. The first rabbi to offer a prayer in Congress did so on February 1, 1860. This was an important moment for the American Jewish community; historian Rabbi Dr. Bertram Korn is quoted, "In more than a theoretical sense, therefore this was the initial recognition by the House of Representatives of the equal standing of Judaism, with Christianity, as an American faith." Of note, on that historic date the House elected its first Republican Speaker, New Jersey's William Pennington, which was acknowledged in the prayer. The U.S. President then was James Buchanan.

Rabbi Edward Calisch of Congregation Beth Ahavah in Richmond, Virginia, was the first American—born rabbi to offer a prayer in the House on April 6, 1892. The iconic Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise was the first rabbi to offer a prayer in the Senate on May 21, 1870. His biennial birth was recognized with a special resolution in the Senate on April 4, 2019. Rabbi Sally Priesand of New York's Steven Wise Free Synagogue was the first woman and first female rabbi to invoke in the House on October 23, 1973. Her sponsor was the Congresswoman Bella Abzug. In the Senate, the first woman was Rev. Wilmina Roland Smith, a Presbyterian minister, on July 8, 1971. The first woman rabbi blessing the Senate was Rabbi Dena Feingold on April 20, 1994, sponsored by her brother, Democratic Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin.

Though the Jews only make up 2.2 percent of the American populace, 35 rabbis out of 527 House guest chaplains participated from September 2006 to September 2016. As of February 2020, 441 rabbis delivered prayers, with an average rate of 7.5 percent since WWII, and 11 percent respectively in 2018 and 2019. In Spring 2018, the number of rabbinic invocations was 613, which is symbolically significant, Mortman points out given the traditional number of Mitzvot. Conservative Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, a former Navy chaplain and line officer during the Vietnam War, holds the record with 16 offered prayers. The C-SPAN Video Library allows access to House prayers since 1979, and to Senate prayers beginning in 1986.

The book's invaluable Index of Names highlights 347 rabbis offering Congressional prayers. Rabbi Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the

American Jewish Archives and Professor of the American Jewish Experience at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati campus, offered one prayer in each chamber. He is among those at the volume's end who glowingly and justifiability endorse the book, writing "Howard Mortman's extensively researched volume is jam-packed with astonishing facts and enthralling stories. His book is likely to become the final word on this subject. Once you begin to read Mortman's captivating story of Jewish prayers on Capitol Hill, you will not want to put it down."

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zohennan is the founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. He is honorary senior rabbi scholar at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. He represents the Jewish community at civic events in the City of Chesapeake.

HONORING J.D. GROM'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of J.D. Grom, an exceptional staffer and someone I'm proud to have called a colleague and partner.

J.D. left Capitol Hill as the longest-serving Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, and I consider myself lucky that he held the role during my Chairmanship of the Coalition.

We talk a lot in the NewDems about "the future of work" and the fundamentally changing nature of our economy. Our Nation—and our world—have seen massive, disruptive economic change. I've even seen it personally. My first job was working at Westside Video in Port Angeles, Washington. As J.D. has heard me say countless times, it kind of bums me out that the words "Be Kind, Please Rewind" mean nothing to my two kids. They live in this extraordinary world of seemingly unlimited streaming video and on-demand content. That's good for them but was really disruptive if you worked at a video store. There are countless other examples. The reality is that today's kids are growing up in an economy that is globalized, interconnected and rapidly changing. That can lead to growth and prosperity, but too often leaves a swath of workers and even whole communities struggling to compete.

To J.D.'s credit, under his leadership, the NewDems kept these issues front and center. We worked closely together on issues like workforce development and lifelong learning accounts, portable benefits and placebased economic development.

J.D. never took his eye off the economic ball, and we're better for it as a Coalition. More than that, J.D. was a kind leader and a strong mentor to his staff. He's someone I could always look to as well for sound judgment and clear-eyed, strategic advice.

This Coalition has never been stronger, thanks in no small part to the service of J.D.

Grom. I wish him luck in his new role. To J.D.—as well as to his wife, Stacy, and his two kids, Emma and Jack, from whom we borrowed J.D. on many late nights and weekends—I offer my congratulations, my best wishes, and my sincere thanks for years of service.

The Force is strong with this one. We're expecting big things from J.D. ahead.

HOMETOWN HERO—RORY BABINEAUX

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to include in the RECORD, the heartwarming story of Officer Rory Babineaux. A 16-year veteran of the Farmers Branch Police Department, Officer Babineaux was dispatched to a welfare concern call from the neighbor of an eighty-year-old resident concerned about the lady's health and safety.

When Officer Babineaux arrived on the scene to find although she was in good health, her air conditioner and plumbing were not working. Instead of passing the case off to others, he took it upon himself to contact local businesses like Right Choice Heating and Air and Metro North Plumbing, who found it in their hearts to waive all costs.

This story not only speaks volumes for the type of community Farmers Branch is, but more importantly the dedication Officer Babineaux has put into the people he has served over the last 16 years. I thank Officer Babineaux, his actions inspire me to serve TX-24 as he has.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on October 20, 2021, my vote was not recorded on the first vote of the series (Roll Call No. 319 on H.R. 4611). Had my vote been recorded, I would have voted:

YES on DHS Software Supply Chain Risk Management Act of 2021, as amended (Rep. TORRES (NY)—Homeland Security).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 319 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319. Additionally, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 324 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 324.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR FEMALE VETERANS OF IL- LINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 6, 2021 with HerStory Honor Flight, a program that provides women World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airwomen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardswomen who traveled here on October 6th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Maria Acevedo, Celeste F. Ackermann, Jeannie L. Adams, Miljan E. Akin, Kay Ann Akins, Romaine Albrecht, Paula L. Annino, Priscilla Elaine Artz, Mary J. Arvidson, Mary Claire Baker, Vida C. Barber, Josephine Bogdanich, Nancy Bernice Boyer, Mary L. Brady, Martha L. Bray, Melody Brocato, Geraldine S. Butts, Dorothy M. Calvin, Joyce A. Campbell-Terry, Denise E. Carson, Norma J. Cella, Ervine Clay, Victoria L. Cobbett, Teresa W. Cole, Cynthia D. Collins, Marva Crandall, Emeline M. Croucher, Rochelle Crump, Amelia E. Cunningham, Rosemary Tamborello Danaher, Elizabeth Day, Gwen M. Diehl, Leasha A. Dixon, Judith A. Doran, Constance L. Edwards, Patricia L. Eidam, Debra L. Emery, Beverly A. England, Sandra L. Forsberg, Diana Gibson, Donna Ann Glielmi, Rita Lynn Gorman, Diana P. Hackbarth, Katherine O. Haile, Eileen Hands, Valorie J. Harris, Catherine A. Harvey, Margaret Mary Hayes, Kathleen Hegg, Charlotte A. Hodder, Rita G. Holmes, Connie R. Holt, Bette C. Horstman, Lane E. Knox, Jeanne M. Kowalski, Melinda C. Larson, Beverly C. Lencioni, Patti L. Lindley, Elizabeth C. Ludwig, Carol Ann Macola, Lisa A. Mattingly, Bernadette McCraven, Edith P. McDonald, Charlotte E. McGrath, Mary McLean, Karen T. Meter, Molly Miller-Bartom, Wilverlyn Joye Morris, Dana C. Morrison, Jane Moyers, Edwina C. Mroz, Virginia Narsete, Peggy M. Nuelle, Betty Lou Paps, Rochelle B. Perkins, Loretta M. Peters, Mary Roberson, Annie H. Robinson, Katie S. Ross, Kathryn J. Rutledge, Claudia Lynn Ryczkowski, Mary K. Santine, Diane M. Spurgeon, Carol Jean Stegall, Ellen F. Stevenson, Nancy L. Sumner, Barbara Thompson, Patricia A. Tiner, Alexandria Welty, Sandra White-Shelley, Barbara J. Whitman, Lorraine Williams, Thereseann Taggart Sankey.